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Saturday: —

Darling, precious Hubby: —

I have rec'd your Saturday's letter which I have been waiting for impatiently since I wrote you last Monday dear heart, you say it made you blue, yet you don't know how miserable and blue I have been since I realized it was too to do so. Honey, I has not stopped crying since read your letter, dear, has simply capped it all. I know, of course what a bitter disappointment it must be for you I know what it is costing me. But honey, what can I do? do you think it is there any choice of mine? Think for a second what I must be passing there, and dear, I am doing this for the sake of your mother. I tried to explain fully in my letter just how things stood. Mama's condition, as I told you, has reached the point where she must have absolute rest & quiet in the Hospital. Ten days may be sufficient but if they see her heart has not recovered from the strain it has passed thru, by that time, no doubt, they will keep her there longer. I hope, ten days will see her out, but, dear that is a thing that the doctors says "we shall have to see". It is an ounce of prevention now, to a pound of cure later on. If mama does not follow the doctors advice, now, it will take months & months of constant care to have her come back to her old self. You know what mama has passed thru — the result is a proper, over worked heart, which while it is not critical now, if neglected it will be a source of a great deal of ill health. If mama had immediately gone into the Hospital I should still have been able to come down in it (st

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dentist, do sewing, packing & and all the necessary run-
ning around necessary to get things together, for my trip,
and still give mom the attention I should like to
to have. Which means you do under the circumstances
want you in every letter tell me to take care of myself
well. Honey you don't know how hard I am working
now, and how at the last minute everything comes in
a bunch. The reason I am working so hard is be-
cause I want to get down to you just as soon
as I can. I can honestly say, that often I am there now,
working at the Hosp. I do not as much as begrudge myself
a minute's pleasure. I will tell you everything when I come
down honey, all I can tell you is, that I am doing
all and as much as I possibly can now to get down to you
as quickly as only I can. This mode of living is killing me
and I want you so much.

I wrote you, honey, how I thought I could man-
age to leave on Thursday, May 8, just one week later.
Between now & the 15th of May, when I start my vacation
I am going home as much as I can, and accomplish,
if possible, a great deal of the sewing. You see, every to
night is visiting night at the Hosp. & on those nights
when Dorothy comes from home to see mom, I shall
run home to see. I can in this way, accomplish quite a
lot. Now, all I will have to worry about after May 15th,
will be my teeth. And I am sure I can have them
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once my vacation starts. Mom asked me not to go
before she leaves the Hosp. and I couldn't really
refuse her. As to my check I shall give power of
attorney to either Rose or Sadie, and after my

vacation has expired, they will get it for me, and forward it. I hope, dear, I have given you an inkling of what I am to go thru the next few weeks, so that I can bring our separation to an end as quickly as possible.

I do hope, honey, by now, the bitterness has somewhat passed away, and that you can see it, as I have to face it. I am terribly sorry, honey, that it had to happen, but I had no other choice. There will be no other delay, I am sure of it. And please God, I will be with my precious hubby the following Saturday - just one little week after the date we planned out and everything will be alright. Mom, please God, well and happy, which dear, is a thing I could never neglect ~~having~~ seeing to. I simply could not show you mother into a hospital and run away anymore than I could do it to my own mother. It is just a little delay which we will look back to tide over, with a little self sacrifice.

As to your continuing to look for rooms, look, I am extremely sorry that my letter shattered your enthusiasm so. Perhaps after you read of what I am going thru, you will understand, and pick up everything again with all the ardor and love that you had, and for which I cared for so. I sure did love to read of how you were planning for our home. But, honey, if you moved sooner now, what matter I came, we can fix it up together. But I do hope love, you will simply continue where you left off, & just forget about that one little week's difference. You must not be happy don't you? Well, then write to me, your blueness has worn off a little.

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a little delay being necessary in my trip, it was thru no choice of mine & that there was, evidently no other choice. I am utterly miserable, — happiness, instant you of course is impossible, — but to-day I feel totally crushed. I wish, Daisy, that when you write to me, you would not write in such a disappointed tone as it will only aggravate my condition. Let things go as I suggested — and you will see everything will be alright. They have already engaged a man to start here on May 1st. So there need be no worry on that score. And, as I wrote before, I will run down about 3 mighty week & see, between now & until the time my vacation begins. Then I shall have my teeth attended to, and as soon as that is done, — I am off to you. I will not have to wait until my vacation, as I can pick, — see, baby? And everyone shall be satisfied & cooked after. I shall be able to make mother as happy & as comfortable as possible, & instead of taking 2 weeks to prepare, I'll manage in one. Now, baby, do you feel better? I do hope so. Remember, look, the stiff upper lip!

Tell me how much you love me, pretty, will you? And tell me that you are alright & feeling better. I really ought to come to-

Write all my love, hugs & kisses, I am your trifling trouble-maker up to this.

Write again soon & tell me how you are. I shall spend the day, I think, in Springfield.

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Tell me how much you love me, precious, will you? And tell me that you are alright & feeling better. I really ought to count this as my big letter about you that I said I would write another big one Monday. Your daily letter was rare & blue after the wonderful one I got Friday (yesterday).

Thus send my best wishes for a peaceful Pa[illegible] day, – also expression to uncle, Mrs. Cagaar & Mr. Dol[illegible]

I am your trifling broken up lump of misery,

Dick

Dick J. Mc. Fuss

P.S. I must keep your application until Monday. Mr. Mellins the day I shall stand it. [illegible]